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Intranasal Flu Vaccines for 2016-2017

This advisory provides notification of Louisiana Medicaid changes in coverage related to the intranasal flu vaccines. Each Louisiana Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) will make the appropriate revisions to their coverage of the vaccine.

Please note that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that the nasal spray flu vaccines should **not** be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. ACIP continues to recommend annual flu vaccination with either the inactivated influenza vaccine or the recombinant influenza vaccine for everyone 6 months old and older.

Louisiana Medicaid, in conjunction with information from the CDC and the Louisiana Office of Public Health Immunization Program advises that only the injectable flu vaccine will be available for Vaccines For Children (VFC) and other providers this year. The nasal flu vaccines are non-covered effective immediately.

Fee schedules will be updated to reflect this change.